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SUBJ: PAK REQUEST FOR INDIAN INFORMATION ON FLOOD WATERS

REF: NEW DELHI 9488 AND LAHORE 0974 (NOTAL)

SWISS EMBASSY HERE INFORMS US THAT PAK INDUS WATERS COMMISSION REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM INDIAN COMMISSION IN SERIES OF URGENT CABLES BETWEEN AUGUST 4-13. INDIAN COMMISSION SENT RESPONSE THROUGH SWISS ONLY ON AUGUST 18. SWISS OFFICER IN CHARGE PAK INTEREST SECTION TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 20 THERE WAS NO QUESTION IN HIS MIND THAT INDIAN COMMISSION HAD ERRED GRAVELY IN NOT TREATING PAK REQUESTS WITH URGENCY THEY DESERVED. HE WAS AT DINNER OVER WEEKEND FOR INDIAN AND PAK NEGOTIATING TEAMS AT WHICH PAK FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER IN CHARGE INDIAN AFFAIRS, ABDUL SATTAR, HAD ASKED PRIME MINISTER GANDHI'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, P.N. DHAR, WHY INDIANS HAD NOT PROVIDED PROMPT INFORMATION TO HELP WARN PAKS OF LEVEL OF FLOOD WATERS COMING DOWN THE RIVERS. DHAR ACKNOWLEDGED THE INDIANS AT FAULT AND EXPRESSED DEEP REGRET THAT QUICKER ACTION HAD NOT

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BEEN TAKEN. EXCHANGE WAS IN A LOW KEY, THE SWISS OFFICER SAID,

AND NOT PROLONGED.
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